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SUMMARY: OVER PAST WEEKEND ANTI-TURKISH COMMENTARY IN LOCAL  
PRESS SLACKENED NOTICEABLY, WITH ONLY THREE ARTICLES BEARING  
ON ISSUE PUBLISHED. HOWEVER REPORTED "DEPORTATION" OF  
TURKISH CORRESPONDENT COULD REKINDLE BATTLE OF WORDS. END  
SUMMARY

1. STRONG CRITICISM OF TURKEY WHICH HAS DOMINATED CONSERVATIVE  
ELEMENT OF THESSALONIKI PRESS RECENTLY FELL OFF ABRUPTLY  
PAST WEEKEND, WITH ONLY THREE ARTICLES ON SUBJECT CONTAINING  
RELATIVELY MILD COMMENTARY. FIRST WAS FRONT PAGE FEATURE  
BY "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" CHIEF EDITOR KYROU APRIL 21, RECOUNTING  
INTERVIEW WITH "HURIYET" CORRESPONDENT SELAHEDIN SETIN  
(PHON) APRIL 17. KYROU WRTIES THAT SETIN PROFESSED SURPRISE  
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OVER FRIENDLINESS OF VORRAS STAFF AND WAS INFORMED VORRAS  
NOT UNFRIENDLY TOWARD TURKS, BUT ONLY "TOWARD ENEMIES OF

GREEK-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP", OF WHICH HURIYET PRIME EXAMPLE. KYROU THEN REVIEWS HISTORY OF HURIYET WHICH HE ALLEGES FOUNDED BY ALBANIAN JEW FROM THESSALONIKI, CEDAT SEMAVE (PHON), WHO WITH JEWISH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LAUNCHED ANTI-HELLENIC CAMPAIGN WHICH IS CONTINUED TODAY BY PRESENT EDITOR, BOURLA, WHOSE FATHER WAS "ANOTHER JEW FROM CONSTANTINOPLE OF THESSALONIKI ORIGIN". (COMMENT: KYROU IS NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITES.)

2. SETIN SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISMAYED OVER PICTURES AND ARTICLES SHOWN HIM OF ANTI-GREEK DEMONSTRATION IN ISTANBUL. EDITORIAL STATES VORRAS STAFF ARGUED WITH HIM THAT TURKEY'S "RAPACITY AGAINST GREECE CONSTITUTES COLOSSAL POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC MISTAKE" AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF PRESSURES FROM USSR, KURDS, SYRIANS (OVER ALEXANDRETTA), AND CONCERN EXPRESSED BY TITO OVER POSSIBILITY OF NEW YALTA FOR BALKANS. HOW CAN TURKEY RAISE ISSUE OF CONTINENTAL SHELF AT TIME OF SUCH DANGERS? "ARE YOU SURE THAT U.S. WILL DEFEND STATUS QUO OF STRAITS, AND NOT AGREE TOMORROW TO INDEPENDENCE OF KURDISTAN?"

3. KYROU WRITES THAT SETIN DID NOT DISAGREE AND "APPARENTLY LEFT PLEASED AND THANKFUL" OVER RECEPTION. HOWEVER "WE MUST WAIT AND SEE WHAT HE IS GOING TO WRITE, IF ANYTHING, BECAUSE THE SEMAVES AND BOURLAS HAVE ALREADY DONE MUCH HARM TO TURKEY". HE CONCLUDES IT "ABOUT TIME FOR TURKS TO REALIZE WHERE THEIR REAL INTEREST LIES--IN GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS, FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE WITH GREECE", IF NOT, "SO MUCH THE WORSE FOR THEM--GREECE HAS PROVEN IT CAN STAND UP AGAINST TIME AND ADVERSITY".

4. IN SAME JOURNAL, ASSOCIATE EDITOR NICOLAOS MERTZOS IN HIS "WEEKLY REVIEW" COLUMN ALLUDES TO FORTHCOMING VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO TURKEY, STATING THERE THREE THINGS OF PRIMARY U.S. INTEREST IN TURKEY TODAY: OPIUM CULTIVATION, BASES AGAINST USSR, AND CONTROL OF STRAITS IN DARDANELLES. MERTZOS ARGUES THAT U.S. NEED FOR TURKISH BASES HAS DIMINISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE PERFECTION OF SURVEILLANCE BY SATELLITES. CONCURRENTLY, DARDANELLES "LOSING THEIR ORIGINAL SIGNIFICANCE" SINCE STRAITS CAN BE CONTROLLED AND EFFECTIVELY RENDERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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IMPASSABLE BY NAVAL CRAFT AND AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM IMPROVED FACILITIES IN GREEK AEGEAN ARCHIPELAGO. CITING GENERAL GOODPASTER'S RECENT ALLUSION TO STRATEGIC VALUE OF AEGEAN (REF 2), MERTZOS CONTENTS THIS PRIMARY REASON FOR TURKISH WISH TO SHARE IN ITS CONTROL AT TIME WHEN TURKISH ASSETS OF DECLINING VALUE, AND THAT PETROLEUM ONLY "OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE".

5. FINAL RELEVANT ARTICLE DATED ATHENS UPI CARRIED IN "MAKEDONIA" APRIL 21 REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENTARY "DEPOR-

TATION" FROM GREECE OF HURIYET CORRESPONDENT SETIN (SEE ABOVE)  
AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN ATHENS FROM THESSALONIKI APRIL 18.  
(SETIN HAS BEEN A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THIS AREA, REPORTING  
ON CONDITIONS OF THE MOSLEM POPULATION IN THRACE.)

6. COMMENT: THOUGH EASEMENT OF VITRIOL SLINGING A WELCOME  
DEVELOPMENT, IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT SETIN'S EXPULSION WILL  
GENERATE NEW EXCHANGE. INTERESTING THAT VORRAS PLAYED UP  
CONCILIATORY APRIL 17 INTERVIEW, BUT FAILED NOTE AT SAME  
TIME (APRIL 21) SETIN WAS EXPELLED FOLLOWING DAY.  
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